



iPads added to the Weill Cornell Medical Library Treasure Hunt

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Aim

To demonstrate the successful integration of mobile technology into the incoming first-year medical student's treasure hunt of the Weill Cornell Medical Library.

Background

The incoming first-year medical students are introduced to library staff, programs, and services by going on a treasure hunt. The incoming class of 2016 was given iPads by the college, and their library treasure hunt integrated this new technology. Quick Response (QR) codes were scanned to receive clues.

The clues had instructions that took the students around the physical library, the library website to e-resources and apps, and the library's social media pages.

To complete the treasure hunt, the students sent a chat via their iPads to the reference desk. They also received a final quiz to complete on their iPads. The winning team had the fastest time completing the clues and the highest score on the quiz.

Method

This is an evaluation of the treasure hunt for the class of 2016 based on a student survey and staff experience.

Conclusion

Based on the survey results, an overwhelming majority of students (80% and higher) answered favorably in regard to iPad use during this orientation to the library's resources, physical space, and staff.

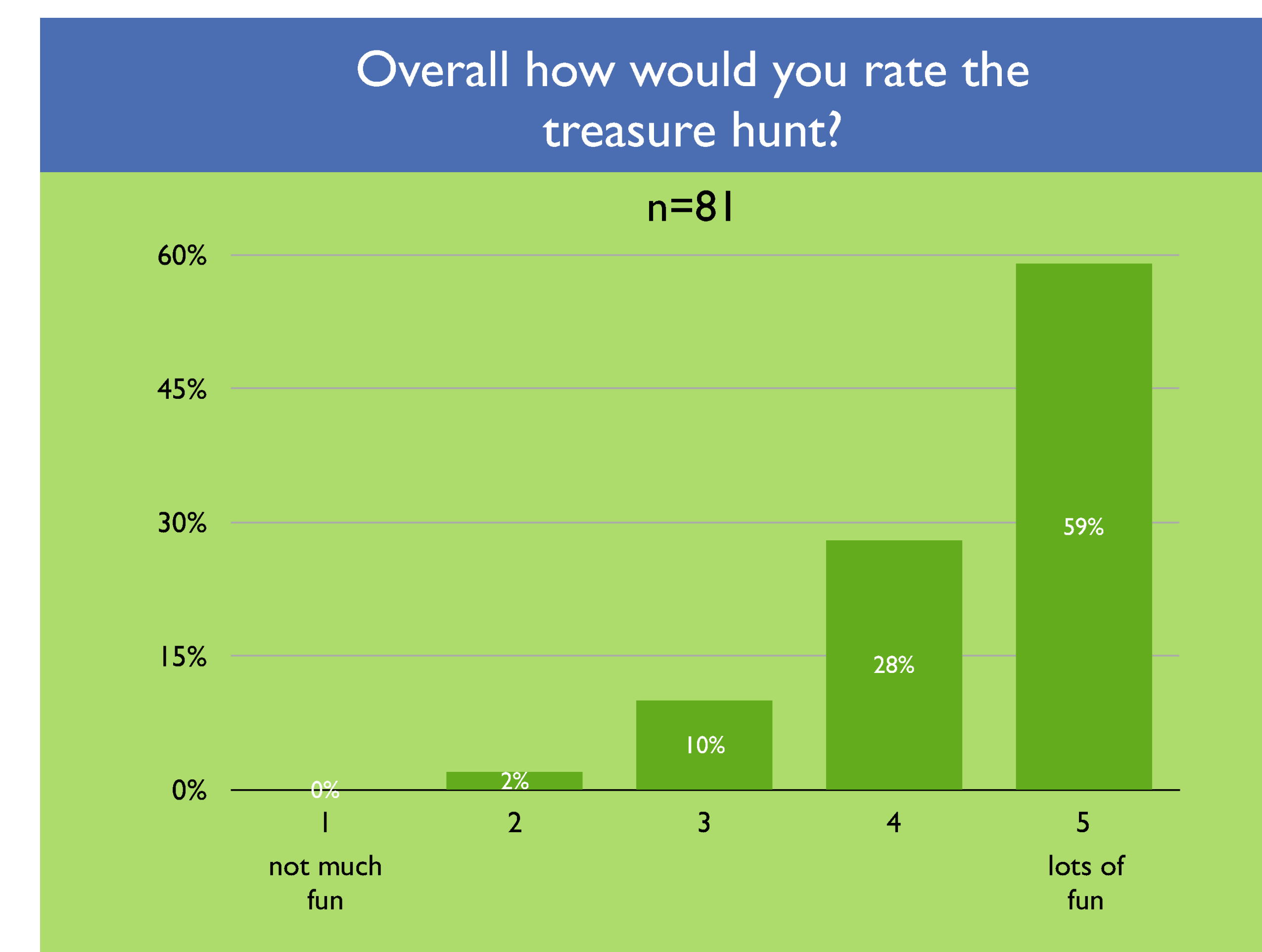
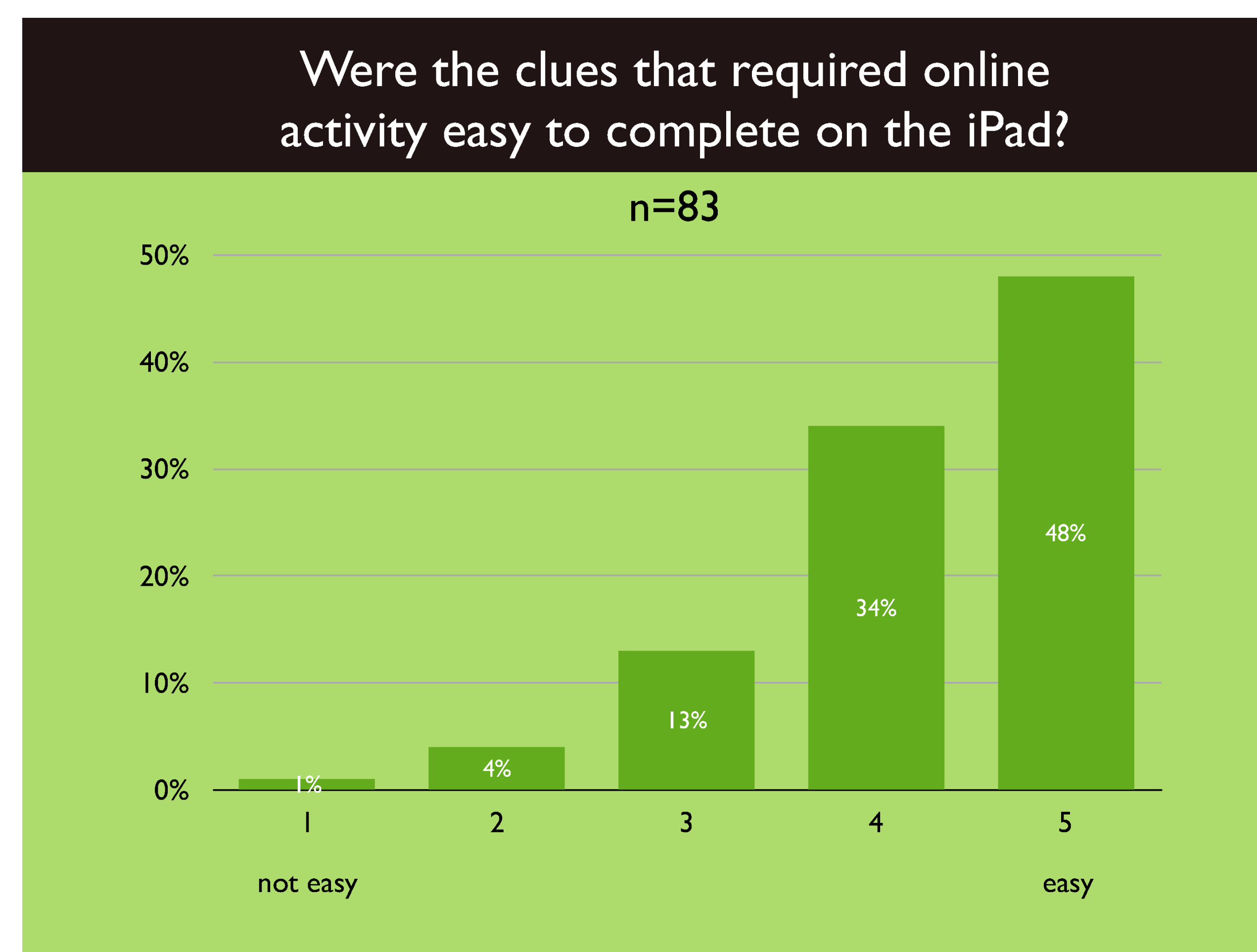
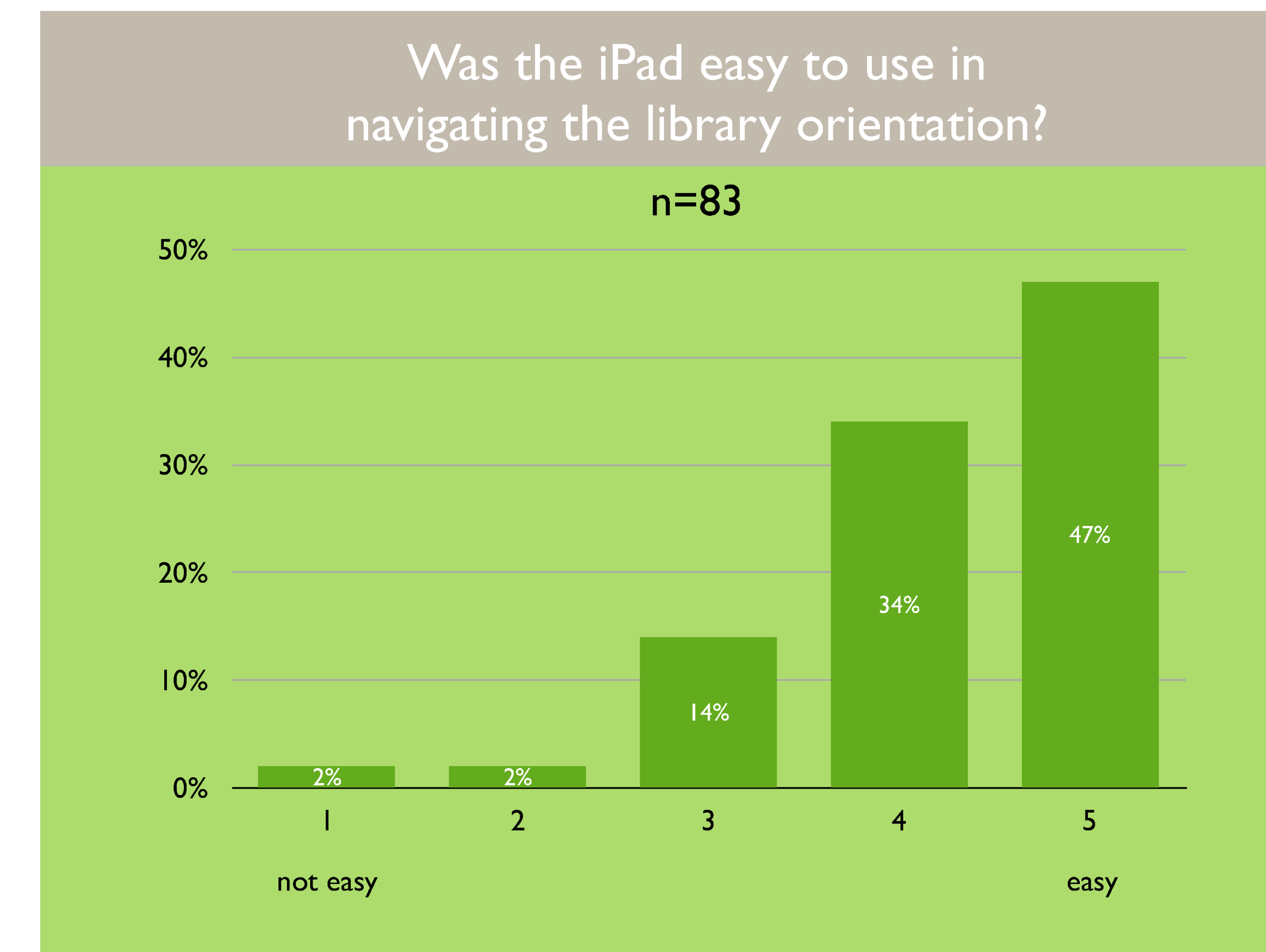
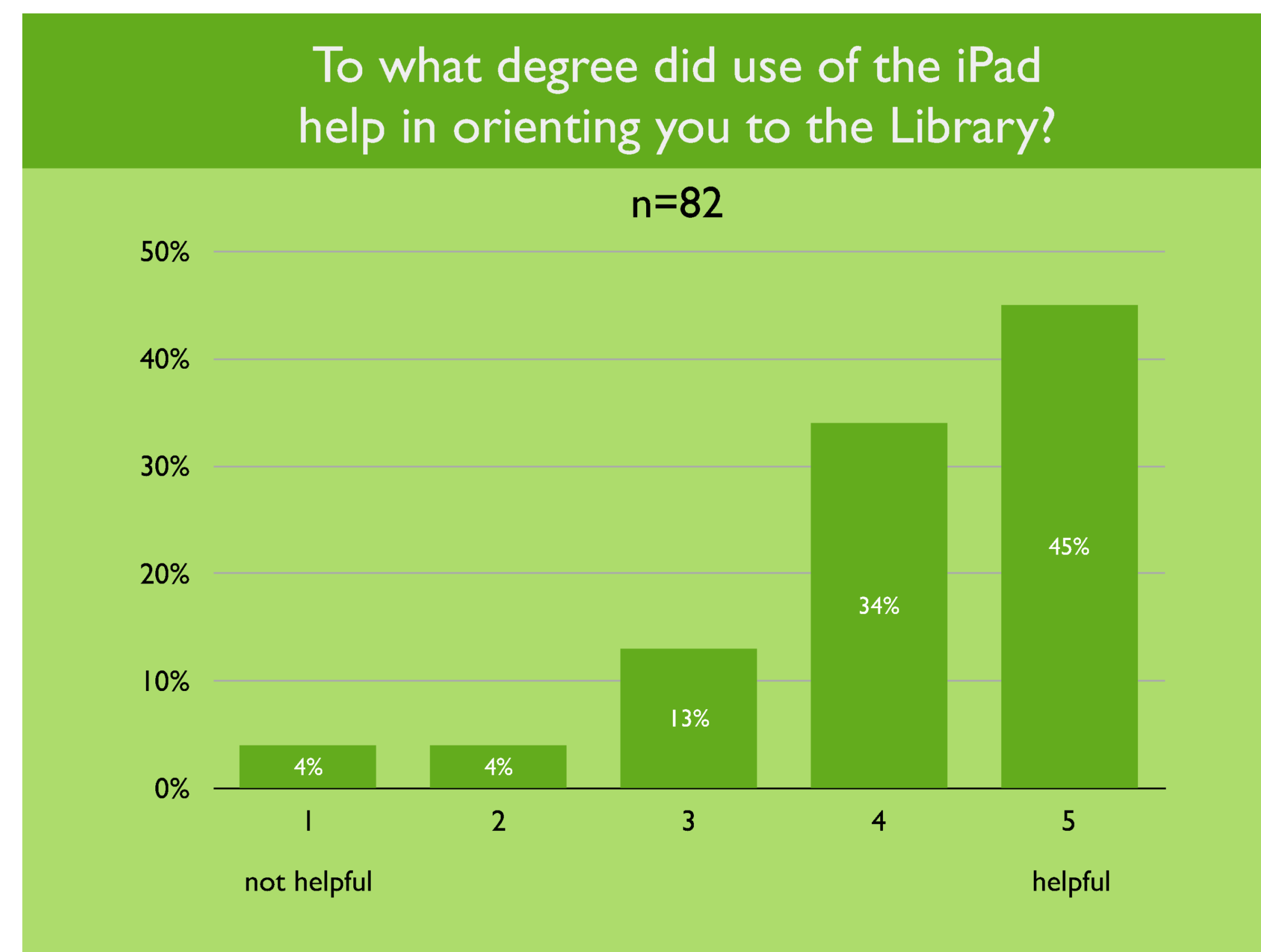
Along with this positive feedback, large student participation, and positive comments from library staff, we concluded that the treasure hunt using the iPad was a grand success.

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Results



Join the Treasure Hunt!
Scan the QR code for Clue 1

